DeSmet School District #20

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting
Monday August 24, 2026 at 6:00pm
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Possible Action on all Agenda Items:

Trustees Present: Brock Belgarde, Synthia Wendell/Trustee Sigrid Sheie, Kayla Conners
Trustees Absent: Hollie Timmons
Guests: See sign in sheet

Special Meeting Agenda- Budget Meeting

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.
Meeting called to order by Board Chair Synthia Wendell at 6:07pm

II. Introduction/Comments of Guests on Items not on the Agenda
Justin Metcalf and the team of 'The Collaborative' gave an update on the new housing development.

The Foundation, Stacy Bateman, Kelli Ebbs and Christina Wekkin, gave an update on the latest projects and events they are working on including a Bingo night and a student walk-a-thon.

III. Recognition of Students and Staff
The first day of PIR days went well. Kudos to Sam and the staff who help serve the ice cream for the ice cream social. Kudos to the maintenance crew for getting the school looking nice.

IV. Board Correspondence:

V. Business Manager's Report

A. Action: Approve/Disapprove meeting minutes from 08.10.26**.**
Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 8.10.26 as written, made by Sigrid Sheie motion seconded by Brock Belgard. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Action: Approve/Disapprove Claims and Master Card payment from August 2026.
Motion to approve claims and master card payments from August of 2026 made by Brock Belgarde motion seconded by Kayla Conners. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Review of Budget Reports.

D. Action: The district's contribution to new school uniforms.

Motion to approve for the district to donate $1000.00 to the new school athletic jerseys made by Sigrid Sheie Motion seconded by Kayla Conners. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Personnel Report

A. **Approve/Disapprove** The hire of a part time kitchen staff starting wage at 16$ an hour DOE.

Motion to approve the hire of part time kitchen staff to start at $16 an hour depending on experience made by Sigrid Sheie motion seconded by Brock Belgarde. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Superintendents Report:

A. **Action:** Approve/Disapprove Safety Handbook

Motion to approve the Safety Handbook as written made by Brock Belgard motion seconded by Kayla Conners. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. **Action:** Approve/Disapprove Student Activities Handbook, with edits mentioned to the number of years a physical is good for.

Motion to approve the Student Activities Handbook as written made by Sigrid Sheie motion seconded by Kayla Conners. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **Action:** Approve/Disapprove Integrated Strategic Action Plan

Motion to approve Integrated Strategic Action Plan as written made by Sigrid Sheie motion seconded by Kayla Conners. The motion passed unanimously.

D. **Action:** Approve/Disapprove Student Calendar Change

Motion to approve Student Calendar Change as written made by Kayla Conners motion seconded by Sigrid Sheie. The motion passed unanimously.

E. **Action:** Approve/Disapprove Admin Substitutes for 2026-2027 school year. Designated staff member to serve in an official capacity for the implementation of District policies or as Mr. Driessen's personal representative.This authorization will include those responsibilities appropriate for the position as designated or directed by the Superintendent. Policy 6122. Carly Aho Kris Gardner and Caitie Bloom.

Motion to approve the Admin Substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year Carly Aho, Kris Gardner and Caitie Bloom as an unpaid position until budget is approved made by Sigrid Sheie motion seconded by Kayla Conners. The motion passed unanimously.

F. **Action:** Approve/Disapprove Testing Coordinators - two positions at $3500 each.

Motion to approve the Testing Coordinators stipends at $3500.00 each position made by Sigrid Sheie second by Kayla Conners motion carried unanimously

G. Action: Approve/Disapprove: Athletic Director - one position at $1500.00

Motion to approve the athletic director position position made by Sigrid Sheie and motion seconde by Brock Belgard

H. Action: Approve/Disapprove: Volleyball Coaches - two positions $1000 each.

Motion to approve the Volleyball Coach position made by Sigrid Scheie and motion seconde by Brock Belgard

Motion to approve the Volleyball Coach as Lindsey McGee and Savana Stern for the 2026-2027 school year. Made by Sigrid Sheie, the motion seconded by Brock Belgard. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Action/Discussion: Safety Coordinator position(s) held by Tim Johnson until further notice.

Motion to approve the Safety Coordinator position to be held by Tim Johnson, unpaid until further notice made by Brock Belgard the motion seconded by Kayla Conners. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussions were held regarding the dispersal of stipends regarding the Superintendent report.

IX. Comments of Guests & School Board Member

The board asked Mr. Driessen for clarification on policies related to staff evaluations.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 made by Brock Belgard the motion seconded by Sigrid Sheie.